

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of:    | § |                            |
| David John Hills, et al. | § |                            |
|                          | § | Group Art Unit: 3663       |
| Serial No.: 10/618,419   | § |                            |
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| Confirmation No.: 7081   | § |                            |
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| For: IMPROVING COLLAPSE  | § |                            |
| RESISTANCE OF TUBING     | § |                            |

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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 25, 2008**

In response to the Final Office Action dated April 25, 2008, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on July 25, 2008, please enter this response and Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicants believe that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/MRKS/0122/WBP for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.